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ANNOUNCE MORE ARRESTS -- Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 8 Mar 51

According to reliable sources, Gen Zdenek Novak, the military commander of Moravia, has been arrested in connection with the Clementis case. He is said to have been arrested in the wave of arrests including members of the party, army, and civil administration. Novak is said to have been the leader of a conspiracy in the Czech Army. In addition, a number of military personnel, particularly in Brno and other parts of Moravia, have been arrested.

In connection with the same conspiracy, the party secretaries in five of the 19 krajs have been arrested. They include: Otto Sling of Brno Kraj, Viteslav Fuks of Ostrava Kraj, Frantisek Landa of Usti Kraj, Hanus Lomsky of Plzen Kraj, and Arnost Psenicka, of Prescv Kraj. All were party secretaries for their respective krajs; and Landa was, in addition, head of the Trade Mission which went to Brazil in 1950.

Milan Polak, Slovak Commissioner for Health, was also arrested.

POLITICAL ASSASSINS GET SENTENCES -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 21 Mar 51

Prague, 20 March - Six persons have been tried recently by a court in Kosice for having killed the chairman of the Action Committee of the National Front in Kosice and for having prepared to assassinate other local leaders. One of the accused was sentenced to death, while the others were given prison terms of 2-15 years.

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